

This facsimile message and its contents are legally privileged and confidential information intended solely for the use of the addressee. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any dissemination, distribution, copying or other use of this message and its contents is strictly prohibited. If you have received this telecopy in error, please notify us immediately by telephone and return the original message to us at the address shown below via the Postal Service. Thank You.

ALSTON & BIRD LLP

101 South Tryon Street, Suite 4000
Charlotte, NC 28280-4000

704-444-1000
Fax: 704-444-1111

TELECOPY

PLEASE DELIVER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

DATE: July 22, 2002

TO: Examiner Eileen Enad Nave - USPTO

FROM: J. Scott Young

Application No. 10/003,574

NO. OF PAGES:
(Including cover page)

3

OPERATOR:

IF NOT RECEIVED PROPERLY, PLEASE NOTIFY ME IMMEDIATELY AT

USER CODE: YOUNS

FAX NUMBER: (703) 872-9671

CLIENT/MATTER: 033047/240187

REQUESTED BY: Jan Moore - 1163

VOICE NUMBER:

Alston & Bird

Received from <7043316090> at 7/22/02 3:22:31 PM [Eastern Daylight Time]

#8143
7/24/02Attorney's Docket No. 33047/240187

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:	Kuoksa	Confirmation No.:	5083
Appl No.:	10/003,574	Group Art Unit:	1754
Filed:	October 24, 2001	Examiner:	Eileen Enad Nave
For:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING A CAUSTICIZING PROCESS		

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

July 22, 2002

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 21, 2002, in which the Examiner has required restriction between Group I, namely Claims 1-16, and Group II, namely Claims 17-25. Applicant hereby provisionally elects with traverse to prosecute the claims of Group I (Claims 1-16) and expressly reserves the right to file divisional applications or take such other appropriate measures deemed necessary to protect the inventions in the remaining claims.

Should the Examiner have further questions or comments with respect to examination of this case, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned so that further examination of this application can be expedited.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required

In re: Kuoksa
Appl No.: 10/003,574
Filed: October 24, 2001
Page 2

therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,

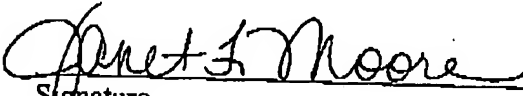

J. Scott Young
Registration No. 45,582

CUSTOMER NO. 00826
ALSTON & BIRD LLP
Bank of America Plaza
101 South Tryon Street, Suite 4000
Charlotte, NC 28280-4000
Tel Charlotte Office (704) 444-1000
Fax Charlotte Office (704) 444-1111

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being:

FACSIMILE

☒ facsimile transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office at (703) 872-9671, on July 22, 2002.


Signature
Janet F. Moore

CLT01/4544502v1